

**BILL NO. BL2018-1386** (O'CONNELL) – This ordinance, as amended, would approve a temporary “Special Event Zone” for specified areas of downtown Nashville, in conjunction with the 2018 New Year’s Eve Celebration scheduled for December 30, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Similar zones have previously been approved by the Council for celebrations of the CMA Fest (BL2018-1160), July 4th (BL2018-1206), and the NCAA Women’s Final Four (BL2014-687).

The boundaries of the Special Event Zone established under this ordinance would be Charlotte Avenue from 10th Circle North to 5th Avenue North, 5th Avenue North from Charlotte Avenue to Gay Street, Gay Street from 5th Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North, 3rd Avenue North from Gay Street to Jefferson Street, Jefferson Street from 3rd Avenue North to Rosa L. Parks Blvd., Rosa L. Parks Blvd. from Jefferson Street to 10th Circle North, 10th Circle North at Rosa L. Parks Boulevard to Charlotte Avenue.

Activity restrictions within the Special Event Zone would begin at nine o’clock (9:00) p.m. on Sunday December 30, 2018 and end at six o’clock (6:00) a.m. on Tuesday January 1, 2019.

Activities on public property or in the public right-of-way within the Special Event Zone are regulated as follows:

1. The sale of any food, beverages, goods, or merchandise would be prohibited, unless street vendors obtain a “Special Event Zone” permit from the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation (CVC) in order to sell within the geographic area listed above.
2. Alcoholic beverages provided, served, or sold from any temporary outdoor would be prohibited, except as authorized.
3. The sale or distribution of merchandise pertaining to the New Year’s Eve Celebration where it is apparent on its face that the merchandise is not licensed by the CVC, would be prohibited.
4. No tents or membrane structures of any kind would be permitted, except as authorized by the CVC or Metro for public safety purposes.
5. The construction, placement, occupation, or use of any temporary structure would be prohibited except those sanctioned and authorized by the CVC.
6. The distribution, promotional give-away activity, or provision of free products, services, or coupons by persons or entities that are not event sponsors officially sanctioned and authorized by the CVC would be prohibited, except within any Public Participation Area.
7. Vehicles would be allowed only as directed by Metropolitan Nashville Police.
8. No shared urban mobility devices, as defined by Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 12.62.010, would be permitted within the Special Event Zone.
9. No handguns, rifles, or firearms would be permitted. (Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-1359)
10. No knives, swords, or other fighting devices would be permitted.
11. No fireworks, firecrackers, or explosive devices of any type would be permitted.
12. The Special Event Zone would be a “no fly zone.” (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0400-02-02-.02)

This ordinance would establish at least one Public Participation Area within the Special Event Zone while the zone is in effect. This Area would allow for the reasonable expression by the public in a manner that is not disruptive to the 2018 New Year’s Eve Celebration, activities and events.

An amendment added at the November 20 meeting clarifies that Tennessee State Parks Department rules and regulations would continue to govern conduct on state park property.

*Fiscal Note: This ordinance would place restrictions on the activities that would be allowed to take place within the special event zone during the New Year's Eve Celebration. However, no additional Metro personnel or overtime would be required solely for the enforcement of these restrictions.*